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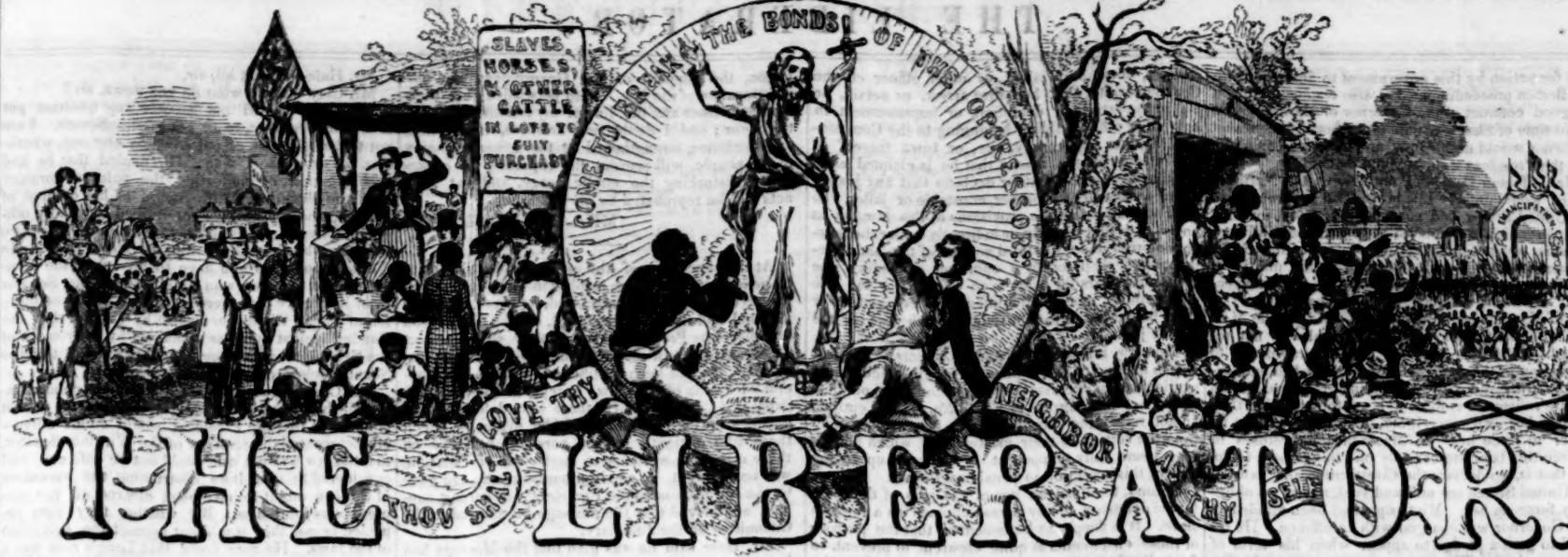
WM. LLOYD GARRISON, EDITOR.

OUR COUNTRY IS THE WORLD—OUR COUNTRYMEN ARE ALL MANKIND.

NO UNION WITH SLAVEHOLDERS!

THE U. S. CONSTITUTION A COVENANT WITH DEATH, AND AN AGREEMENT WITH HELL!

Yes! It cannot be denied—the slaveholding lords of the South prescribed, as a condition of their assent to the Constitution, three special provisions to secure the perpetuity of their dominion over their slaves. The first was the immunity, for twenty years, of preserving the African slave trade; the second was the stipulation to surrender fugitive slaves—an engagement positively prohibited by the laws of God, delivered from Sinai; and, thirdly, the exacting, fatal to the principles of popular representation, of a representation for slaves—for articles of merchandise, under the name of persons. . . To call government thus constituted a democracy, is to insult the understanding of mankind. It is doubly tainted with the infection of riches and slavery. Its reciprocal operation upon the government of the nation is to establish an artificial majority in the slave representation over that of the free people, in the American Congress, and thereby to make the PRESERVATION, PROPAGATION AND PERPETUATION OF SLAVERY THE VITAL AND ANIMATING SPIRIT OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.—JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.



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Refuge of Oppression.

From the Lawrence Courier.

GEORGE THOMPSON
Has recently been among us, as the advocate of certain radical changes in the private policy of our country. As great importance is attached to his mission, and great influence claimed for him, by many people, it becomes our duty, as a public journalist, to discuss his conduct and its tendencies. If Mr. T. comes among us as a private individual, the case would be otherwise. But when he proposes to alter our institutions, or to set a part of the Union in opposition to any other part, it becomes us to ask what are his qualifications for the task, and whence does he derive his authority as director of our public opinion? We look upon the English nation and our own as upon two families, each delighting in friendly offices toward the other, but having its inner sympathy, into which the other delicately forbears to intrude. Each family is open to the criticisms of its neighbor, but it feels outraged if that neighbor enters into its private circle, to create quarrels between the brethren who sit around its hearth-stone. However diverse the different members of either family may be of producing reformations in the habits of other members, a regard for the dignity and sanctity of their household will lead them to hide the erring one's short-comings from other eyes, and to resent promptly any interference from without. This was the view taken by Lord Morpeth, who visited our land a few years since. He says of slav-

ery: "It was a subject which I felt, during my whole sojourn here, as I feel it still, to be paramount in interest to every other. It was one on which I intended and endeavored to observe, a sound discretion; to have not ourselves long enough washed off the stain to give us the right to rail at those whom we had originally inoculated with the pest; and a stranger, abundantly experiencing hospitality, could not, with any propriety, interfere wantonly upon the most delicate and difficult point of another nation's policy."

Now, Mr. Thompson comes here, as was announced, simply to visit his friends, why does he not seek the same general course? If he did so, our people would honor him. They would call for blessings on the head of the man who had done so much to benefit the poor and misused of his own land; who has secured so many precious rights and blessings to the ignorant and down-trodden subjects of his country in Hindostan. For these deeds, they would do him honor, while any little unpleasant recollections of the past would be dismissed and forgotten. But, instead of doing thus, he comes among us advocating a dissolution of our Union, and seeking to lead us to such a course as would spread the indescribable horrors of civil war throughout our borders. He seeks to destroy the confidence the community have felt in the religious institutions, to establish which our Pilgrim Fathers suffered more than death. Already is scepticism and irreverence abounding to a fearful extent; and Mr. T.'s course in holding secular meetings and political discussions on the Sabbath, attracting the loves of novelty and excitement away from church, is calculated to increase the evil. Again, he abuses, in no measured terms, the leading statesmen of the land, and advises the violation of the law on our statute-book; thereby striving to undermine the only safeguard of our liberties—revenue for law! This course we can tolerate in Garrison and his co-workers, because they are our fellow-citizens, and have a right to express their opinions with freedom, so long as they allow others to do the same. We regard them as sincere, but infatuated men. But Mr. T. is an active member of one branch of a foreign government. Those questions upon which our own people may differ as much as they please, do not concern him or his. Our sectional differences have recently almost destroyed our nation.

At the present time, the patriotic of all parties are endeavoring to restore confidence, and to strengthen the weakened bonds of union. But this foreign officer comes in, denouncing the peace-makers, and doing all in his power to revive the deadly quarrel. What can he do to render for thus interfering with the private affairs of a nation fully competent to take care of itself? An irresistible feeling of philanthropy! said a friend to us. Then let him return to England, and war against the oppressive taxation, which takes a piece of crust from each opean's mouth, and cuts its tithe from the widow's weeds and the dead man's shroud! Let him go to the mining regions, where saturated husbands sell their wives to the highest bidder, as we have known to be done since Mr. Thompson came amongst us—done to a fair and a faithful wife, in spite of her tears and prayers! Let him go to the boasted army and navy of his country, where his fellow-Britons daily write and bleed like the last; or to the factories of each opean's mouth, and cut its tithe from the widow's weeds and the dead man's shroud!

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He is an eloquent speaker, clear and distinct in his enunciation, animated in gesture, rapid in the evolution of thought, and rising, occasionally, to a lofty flight. In denunciation and satire he is terrible, flaying his enemy alive, without mercy. The approach of a conflict warms him into a fiery energy, as the blast of the trumpet shoots fire through the veins of the war-horse. Strong in the consciousness of the purity of his motives and the goodness of his cause, impatient of wrongs, and hating tyranny with all the strength of his nature, he is eager for the conflict, and throws himself into it with ardency and impetuosity that sometimes hurries him into indiscretions. But his sincerity fully atones for all. No one can doubt that, who has looked upon his open countenance, listened to his burning words, or followed his course from his youth up. In his off-hand speeches, he is often discursive and rambling, but whatever topic he touches upon is presented in a strong light. In argument he is clear and conclusive, in retort ready and pointed; playful in humor, while his shafts of satire tell with wonderful effect.

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GEORGE THOMPSON—THE LONDON TIMES.

George Thompson, the English Reformer and Member of Parliament, lectured before the Anti-Slavery Lyceum on Thursday evening of last week. The Temple Street Chapel was filled to its utmost capacity by an attentive audience, who cheered and applauded the speaker throughout his discourse. His reception was warm and enthusiastic, such as he has ever received out of Boston.

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The "Thunderer" of printing house square has falinated one of its fierce bolts at the head of the member for the Tower Hamlets, says the N. Y. Irish-American. George Thompson receives \$1000 a year from the Anti-Slavery Society of London, as his salary for doing the stump oratory of professional philanthropy. That sum qualifies him for a sofa in Saint Stephen's, and as a fixture in Boston. Pending the passage of the compromise omnibus bill in Congress—at the critical moment when the destiny of the Commonwealth was oscillating between disruption and destruction on one side, and union and stability on the other—the eminent anti-slavery clown threw a somersault into the ring St. Botom, with the hope that his performances might have the effect of settling the American nation in a blaze from New Orleans to Buffalo. The "Times" and "American" think rightly and speak decently when they speak this audacious missionary of the devil by the nose, and hold up the mercenary creature to the contempt of the world. There are those who, sincerely fanatical, would set the bondman free, though about consequences. These enthusiasts we pity and respect. They are the slaves of opinion with judgment. But Thompson is a cold-blooded

apostle of the slaves.

SPEECH OF GEORGE THOMPSON, ESQ.

Last week Thursday evening, we had the rare pleasure of listening to a noble address from that gifted champion of a world's freedom. He is in oratory much like what Jenny Lind is in music. His vindication of himself against the petty slanders who have sought, behind his back, to injure him, was perfect. So amabilis was his treatment of the "Times," which the day before tried to excite a mob against him, that we have not been able to conceive of a like outrage on the rights of citizens of the free States, and in violation of the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved, (if the Senate concur,) That the Governor of this State be requested to furnish each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions.

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Mr. Bradley, of Cayuga, offered the following resolution:

Whereas, free citizens of the non-slaveholding States have been imprisoned by South Carolina, in direct violation of that clause of the Constitution which guarantees that the citizens of each State shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citizens of the several States; and whereas Congress, in enacting the present Fugitive Slave Law, has done all in its power to secure to the slaveholder his alleged right in slaves; therefore,

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The CHAIRMAN said that it had been intended to have the following resolution formally moved and seconded, "to save time, he would merely read it, and ask their assent to it." He then read the resolution as follows:

"Resolved, That we cordially welcome to Scotland W. W. Brown and William and Ellen Craft, fugitives slaves from the land of their birth, escaped from American slaveholders. Whilst we deeply lament that Republican America has no portion of her soil on which they can be secure from the grasp of the man-hunter, stimulated by the new facilities given by the infamous Fugitive Slave Bill, we rejoice to offer them the security of British protection." (Applause.)

The resolution was carried by acclamation.

The Rev. Mr. Scott moved the last resolution, expressive of adherence at the sun of slaveholding, and confidence in the American Anti-Slavery Society, as the most effective instrument for enlightening and changing public opinion in America on the subject. Slaveholding, he contended, was a sin, even should it be the case that its victims were mercifully treated and better provided for than even free laborers had it always in their power to be. To influence public opinion was the right way to secure its subservience; and meetings like theirs would not be without effect for that purpose even on the other side of the Atlantic. He had every confidence in the American Anti-Slavery Society, and all the more so that its members spoke out their opinions. He would rather stand by them than by colored ministers, who, for filthy lucre, could be silent when it was inconvenient to speak, and who urged the necessity of having their chapel out of debt, and such like excuses, for their conduct. If there were infidels in its ranks, he did not wonder at it, when they saw religionists giving their countenance to slavery, and devising apologies and palliations for it. He had been cautioned not to support Lloyd Garrison; because, 'twas said, for every word he spoke against slavery, he spoke two against the church. His answer was, and why not? seeing that the American churches were the bulwarks of slavery. He said so, because a church that supported slavery deserved to be denounced. He concluded by recommending ladies to support the Boston Bazaar.

Resolved, That believing the American Anti-Slavery Society to be still the most efficient agency for enlightening and changing the public opinion of America in regard to slaveholding, and to be composed of men, the earliest, the most devoted, and talented abolitionists there, who thoroughly have the confidence of the colored population, we renew our expression of sympathy and co-operation with that society, and will continue to aid it, as hitherto, through the medium of the Boston Anti-Slavery Bazaar.

Mr. JOHN KNOX seconded the motion, which, like the other, was passed unanimously.

After a vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by the Rev. Mr. JOHNSTON, and suitably acknowledged, the meeting separated.

CONGRESS.

IN SENATE—FEBRUARY 18.

Mr. Clay's resolution offered yesterday, concerning the Boston affair, was taken up. Mr. Clay explained the objects set forth in the resolution. Any discussion upon the objects of the resolution would be postponed until the information called for is obtained; but he could not forbear saying that he had been shocked, astonished and astounded at the accounts given in the newspapers of the late occurrence in the third city of the Union, in the second city as regards wealth. It was shown that the law had been put at defiance, and the officers of Justice had been beaten down, driven out of the Court House, and then烹煮 taken off; and this done by a negro mob, in the face of a population of 150,000. Who committed this flagrant outrage? Was it our own race? No! But a band who are not of our people; it was by Africans and the descendants of Africans. The question presented by the occurrence was, whether the laws—laws framed for our government—were to be carried into force, or whether the government—whatever it is to be—should be overthrown by blacks. So astounding was the account, he could not at first believe it; but a distinguished citizen of Massachusetts had assured him it was true. The Senator from Mississippi, yesterday, after an interview with the two highest officers of the Government, announced that the law would be enforced. He (Mr. Clay) also had an interview with those officers, and had received the same assurance that the law would be rigorously enforced. He hoped the resolution would be passed.

Mr. John Davis had read accounts of the occurrence in Boston, which occurrence all must condemn; but before condemning any one, or commanding any one, he would wait for facts. The law was unpopular and offensive to the people of Massachusetts, but they were law-abiding people, and know that it is not by violence that law is to be overcome, but will abide by it till, by the proper and legitimate mode, it can be altered. While the law would be enforced, freedom of discussion and debate would be insisted upon and maintained.

Mr. Clay—Freedom of debate? On what subject?—debate upon an open and impudent violation of the law of the country?

Mr. John Davis said he meant freedom of discussion and debate upon the general merits of the law.

Mr. Clay—who has opposed freedom of discussion upon the merits of the law?

Mr. Davis said he did not allude to the Senator from Kentucky; but without the Senate there was a disposition to stifle discussion on the merits of the law.

Mr. Clay said Congress had passed the law to carry into execution a Constitutional provision. That law was passed only five months ago by a considerable majority. Congress now says that it will not repeal or modify that law—that time must be given for the law to be tried. Moreover, they say the law will not be repealed, particularly when a hold, open attempt is made to resist it. He hoped that his remarks had not been offensive to the Senator from Massachusetts, in speaking in strong, indignant terms of those who invaded the temple of justice, beat down its guardians, and who, sacrilegiously seizing the sword of justice, waved it in triumph over the prostrate officers—whether his remarks were offensive or not, he would at all times speak—offend whom he might—of any gross outrage and resistance of law, whether by black men or white men.

Mr. John Davis was as indignant as any one at the occurrence. The people of Massachusetts were a law-abiding people, but at the same time were a free people, and from the time of the Revolution had insisted on the freedom of discussion and inquiry. Their remedy is to seek by argument and an appeal to the ballot box the repeal of the law. This is the way they overcome an offensive law, and not by violence.

Mr. Hale coincided with Mr. Clay in a great part of his indignation; but was sorry, however, a little of it had not been heard when the newspapers said a judge in a Southern State refused to issue his warrant to execute the law for the recovery of fugitives from justice. No resolution asking the President if he had heard of it was offered. There was no indignation when bands of armed men paraded the Southern States to invade Cuba; nor was any resolution offered when a mob held this city for two days under the President's nose. Mobs might take place any where; he had heard of one in Kentucky, when a printing office was broken up and sent out of the State. He hoped that the Government was not about taking the short step between the sublime and the ridiculous—that the army and navy were not to be sent to Boston to put down a negro mob. It was too ridiculous to believe. It would be better to leave the suppression of such occurrences to the State authorities. No law, when it had not the moral support of the people, whether in Massachusetts or Louisiana, could be enforced; and it was useless to appeal to the army or the navy. George the Third tried to send his soldiers shot down citizens in State street; but he did not succeed. He believed the people and the authorities of Massachusetts are competent to enforce the laws, and if he was a citizen of Boston, should consider it an insult if the government presumed that the laws could not be enforced.

Mr. Foote said that no judge in Massachusetts had refused to execute a law, but had issued his warrant, the party arrested, and had presented himself for trial. It was shown that bands of armed men marched through the Southern States to invade Cuba. There was some suspicion of such movement, and government did its duty by requesting an investigation. Ninety-nine hundredths of the Southern people sustained this action of enforcing the laws. He alluded to Washington's conduct with regard to the Whiskey Insurrection as a pre-

cedent for action by this government to interfere with the Boston proceedings. He also commented upon the good conduct of the Governor of Massachusetts in the time of Shay's rebellion, and hoped the present Governor would do his duty, and if aid was required, that the President would extend that aid.

Mr. Jefferson Davis did not believe the Northern States would enforce this law. The government of the United States had power only to resist invasion or suppress insurrections. The insurrection in Pennsylvania was put down by the militia of that State. At one time it was contemplated that the militia of the State could be relied on to put down insurrection. No such reliance could be had now. The law of Massachusetts was not enforced by the Marshal in the first case, yet the Marshal was not removed. What was that but an encouragement to a violation of the law? He was opposed to employing the army and navy in State insurrections. When a State refuses to enforce a law, the question then involves her own sovereignty, and Congress has no power to force her. If Massachusetts refuses to enforce this law, she has only one thing more to do, and that is, to declare the Constitution and laws of the United States are null and void, and of no obligation to force any law. Mississippi had been alluded to. Her Governor was charged with an offence. He offered to give a pledge to appear when his term of office expired. This was not accepted; injustice was hungry for her victim, although, from his position, it was known to have been impossible for him to have been concerned in the affair with which he was charged. If the mob in Boston was an exposition of the principle of Massachusetts, he would say to her, "Go on!" He would not vote to enforce her obdience to laws by means of the army and navy.

Mr. Foote read from State papers to show that the suppression of the Whiskey Insurrection was effected by the militia of New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia, as well as Pennsylvania.

Mr. John Davis said, that when he said the people of Massachusetts were opposed to the law, and considered it offensive, he did not mean, therefore, that the law could not be enforced. All speculations of the necessity of calling in the army and navy were idle; the law would be enforced. Beneath the party of whom such service is due. These acts of the State Legislature, although they may cause embarrassment, cannot derogate either from the duty or the authority of Congress to carry out fully and fairly the plain and imperative Constitutional provisions for the delivery of persons bound to labor in one State, and escaping into another, to the party to whom such labor may be due.

It is quite clear that by the resolution of Congress of March 3d, 1821, the Marshal of the U. States in any State in which the use of the jails of any State has been withdrawn, in whole or in part, from the purposes of the detention of persons committed under the authority of the United States, is not only empowered, but expressly required, under the direction of the judge of the district court, to hire a convenient place for the safe keeping of prisoners committed under the authority of the United States.

It will be seen from papers accompanying this communication, that the attention of the Marshal of Massachusetts was distinctly called to this provision of the law by a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, of the date of Oct. 29 last. There is no official information that the Marshal has provided any such place for the confinement of his prisoners. If he has not, it is to be regretted that this power was not exercised by the Marshal, under the direction of the District Judge, immediately on the passage of the act of the Legislature of Massachusetts of March 18th, 1843, and especially, that it was not exercised on the passage of the fugitive slave law of the last session, or when the attention of the Marshal was afterwards particularly drawn to it.

It is true that the escape from the Deputy Marshal in this case was not owing to the want of a prison or place of confinement, but still it is not easy to see how the prisoner could have been safely and conveniently detained during an adjournment of the hearing, without some such place of confinement, or if it shall appear that no such place has been obtained, directions to the Marshal will be given to lose no time in the discharge of this duty.

The public newspapers contain an affidavit of Patrick Riley, Deputy Marshal for the District of Massachusetts, setting forth the circumstances of the case, a copy of which affidavit is herewith communicated. Private unofficial communications concur in establishing the main facts of this account, but no satisfactory official information has as yet been received, and in some important respects the accuracy of the account has been denied by the persons whom it implicates. Nothing could be more unexpected than such gross violation of the law—such high-handed contempt of the authority of the United States, perpetrated by a band of lawless confederates in the city of Boston, and in the very temple of justice.

In regard to the branch of the inquiry made by the resolution of the Senate, I have received a resolution from the Senate, requesting me to lay before that body any information I may possess in regard to the alleged recent case of forcible resistance to the execution of the laws of the United States, in the city of Boston, and to communicate to the Senate what means I had adopted to meet the occurrence, and whether, in my opinion, any additional legislation is necessary to meet the exigency of the case, and more vigorously to execute the existing law.

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I regard these flagrant proceedings as being a surprise, not unattended with some degree of negligence; but do I doubt that if any such act of violence had been apprehended, thousands of good citizens of Boston would have presented themselves promptly and voluntarily to prevent it. But then the danger does not seem to have been promptly made known and duly appreciated by those who were concerned in the execution of the process in a community distinguished for its love of order and respect for the laws. Among a people whose sentiment is liberty and law, and not liberty without law, or above the law, such an outrage could only be the result of sudden violence, unhappy too much unprepared for to be successfully resisted.

It would be melancholy indeed if we were obliged to regard this outbreak against the Constitution and legal authority of the government, as proceeding from the general feeling of the people on the spot which is proverbially called the Cradle of American Liberty. Such, undoubtedly, is not the fact. It violates, without question, the general sentiment of the people of Boston, and the vast majority of the whole people of Massachusetts, as much as it violates the law, and defies the authorities of the government, and disgraces those concerned in it, their aids and abettors. It is nevertheless my duty to lay before the Senate, in answer to its resolution, some important facts and considerations.

Connected with the subject—a resolution of Congress of Sept. 23, 1789, declared that it be recommended to the Legislatures of the States to pass laws making it expressly the duty of keepers of their jails, to receive into safe keeping all prisoners committed under the authority of the U. States, until they shall be discharged by the due course of laws thereof, under the like penalties as in case of prisoners committed under the authorities of such States respectively—the United States to pay for the use and keeping of such jails at the rates per month for each prisoner that shall be under their authority, and to commit thereto, during the time that such prisoners shall be therein confined, and also to support such of the said prisoners as shall be committed for offences.

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You called me miserable, cut-throat dog,
You that did your rheum upon my beard
And foot me as you spurn a stranger cur

Over your threshold—

Fair Sir, you spit on me Wednesday last;

You spurned me such a day; another time

You called me dog; and for these courtesies'

we are more ready than ever to do any dirty work

you can find for our hands to do!

Does Boston deserve this or not? Do those sneaking time-servers fitly represent her or do they not?

We are afraid they do represent what the Friends might call 'the weight' of the city. That the wealth and pretentious piety of Boston think they cannot be kick-ed too much, provided it be by the foot of slaveholders or their tools. But we draw this encouragement from it all, that there must be a strong under-current of wholesome feeling setting in the opposite direction, that makes Washington and Boston feel these demonstrations to be necessary. The more sensible of the Slave Senators evidently place no confidence in all the protestations of Northern men. They know that the public sentiment of the North is against the execution of the Fugitive Bill; and they know, too, that Mr. Hale said in that debate is confirmed by all history, and by none more than that of the slaveholding States; 'no law, when it has not the moral support of the people, whether in Massachusetts or in Louisiana, can be enforced.' Boston is degraded as low as servile prints and time-serving functionaries can thrust her; but there may yet be righteous men enough found in her to save her from final and utter Reprobation.—

PARLIAMENTARY COURTESIES AND CONSISTENCIES.

We need not call the attention of our readers to the courteous language used by Honorable Senators concerning a member of the British Senate, or, as Mr. Clay hastily put it, one 'said to be a member of Parliament'. Decencies of language, though usually considered due to the component parts of foreign governments, when casually in this country, is not to be expected from Newer into which the worst of the slaves' desecrations have been cast. It is the curse of the time that would subserve for that of magnifying them. At length it was discovered that he was a Quaker enter the car and look round as if seeking for some one. At length he asked aloud, 'Is William Lloyd Garrison present?' and we instantly knew him to be a true man, who thus spoke that loved, and feared, and hated name. It was Friend Wiimer, of Union Village, who had come to take Garrison, Thompson and the rest to Union Village, where the Convention sits to-morrow. Mr. Garrison, unfortunately, is yet detained in Boston by severe illness. We have stopped to-night at an excellent hotel in Schaghticoke, kept by Mr. Downs, and after meeting and conversing with some of the good friends of Freedom who have called to see him, the mobbed, hunted, and beloved friend of humanity has retired to rest, to renew to-morrow that warfare with oppression and wrong which he will not cease to wage while he lives.

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We left the hotel while the abashed member of the terrifying committee was still stammering out an apology for the 'very respectable people' of Springfield, and uttering faint threats of 'having a writ made out to catch some rascal or other, and bring him to justice'—as if there were a magistrate or such a thing as justice or law in the town of Springfield! Don't do any such thing, good Mr. S.! Don't add any thing of hypocrisy to the shame of your town. Don't be so mean as to drag up some ignorant man or boy, and make him a victim to the law which you invited him to break, and in that breaking virtually promised him your protection. Let it be as it is. It is useless to try to conceal the truth, that the 'very first citizens' so called, of Springfield, Mass., for many days before the arrival of George Thompson, had been most industriously preparing all the elements of the mob for his reception; that the editors of both the Whig and Democratic papers of Springfield had published base falsehoods upon him; that the leading members of the Whig and Democratic parties had joined the hue and cry against him; that the 'very respectable citizens' had, in every safe and covert way, fanned the rage of an excited populace against unarmed and defenceless strangers. The slaves of the Slave Power in Boston mobbed the eloquent Englishman in Faneuil Hall, and were till now alone in their infamy. Worcester, Lynn, Salem, Providence, Fall River, Plymouth, Portland, and a host of New England towns and cities, have received him with open arms. Sixty times has he spoken to audiences worthy to listen to him, since the Webster Whigs of Boston mobbed him in Faneuil Hall, and even Boston had in part redeemed itself by opening the Tremont Temple for a course of his most instructive lectures, when Springfield hastens to blacken her hitherto fair reputation by most deliberately preparing for and perpetrating a gross outrage upon one of the noblest champions of human rights the sun over shone upon.

As Mr. Thompson was stepping into the car at that morning, some one threw a rotten egg at him. He instantly turned back, and demanded to see the dastard who had given him this last insult; but the cowardly villain had fled, and could not be found. Some of the citizens expressed their indignation at this attack upon Mr. Thompson. Should the dirty vagabond who thus insulted him be subjected to any censure, we would command him to the sympathies of his very respectable coadjutors, the editors of the Springfield Republican and Hampden Post, and to the kind consideration of the terrifying committee and the 'very respectable' people of Springfield.

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Last evening I heard Abraham Payne, a talented young lawyer of our own State, before the Committee of the House of Representatives, in defense of the petitioners for a protest of the Legislature against the Fugitive Slave Law, and asking its repeal. He spoke about an hour and a half. What the result will be is uncertain. There is such a feeling among our politicians in favor of keeping things quiet, that righteously and humanly nearly died out among them all, Whigs and Democrats. S. W. W.

February 15, 1851.

LETTER FROM FRANCIS BISHOP.

LIVERPOOL, 28th Dec., 1850.

DEAR FRIEND:

It is a long time since I have had the pleasure of communicating with you, but I have never ceased to feel the warmest interest in the great cause to which you have consecrated your life, or failed to watch with trembling hopefulness its varied conflicts in the shifting and shuffling of the leading political parties in the American States.

You will perceive I write from Liverpool. I left Exeter more than two years ago, to enter upon a work here which has ever been dear to my heart—of the ministry at large. But though I spend most of my time amongst the sorrowing and suffering, and find in my daily visits to the cellars and garrets of the crowded courts and streets, a wide field for sympathy and active effort, constant employment for heart and hand, I can never forget the three millions of slaves across the Atlantic, or the faithful band who are laboring for their redemption. The lowest here are free—the most wretched can still lay claim to manhood. He who can consider the wrongs and sufferings of the poor of this country as at all analogous to those of the slave, has never felt or understood in what consists the great and essential wickedness of slavery.

The Fugitive Bill has amazed and grieved me. I stand astonished at the recklessness, insensate daring of a legislature deluding the civilized world by passing an act of such unmixed atrocity; and I grieve to see so many men of high endowments allowing party and attachments to bear down within them all nobility of feeling, all sense of justice, all love of man, and all regard for God. I could say much on this subject, but I have only time to write a few hasty lines before my mail is made up. I am anxious not to let another steamer leave our shores without sending you tidings, which you will be eagerly looking for, of Wm. and Ellen Craft. They arrived safely in Liverpool from the Cambria last Wednesday night, and, thank God! they are now beyond the reach of their pursuers.

Can it be true, as the papers report, that President Fillmore has written to Dr. Collins, the husband of the person who impiously calls herself the owner of Mrs. Craft, stating that, if necessary, the whole force of the Union shall be put in operation to bring back the fugitives? If so, what a spectacle for the world!

The Chief Magistrate of a great country threatening to use all its resources to kidnap a poor, defenceless woman, and carry her off to slavery! O, could degradation further go?

Mrs. Craft has had a severe and trying illness, the natural consequence of the fearful suspense and torturing apprehensions she has passed through in the course of the last two or three months. I rejoice, however, to say, that though still very delicate, she is now much better, and in a fair way of recovery. Mr. Craft has gone to meet William Wells Brown at Newcastle, and his wife is staying with Mrs. Bishop and myself, and will continue to do so till she is quite strong—and much longer as we can induce her to remain and give us the pleasure of her company. They are a noble couple, and one cannot look at their mild and expressive faces, beaming with goodness and intelligence, without feeling a deeper thrill of indignation at the system which would dehumanize such men and women, and sink them to the condition of goods and chattels.

I have been much gratified to read of the reception of George Thompson at Worcester, Lynn, &c. Boston has reason to thank those places for redeeming New England from the disgrace of silencing, by low, vulgar clamor, the voice of the faithful reformer and honored philanthropist.

My wife joins with me in kindest regards and best wishes to yourself. Ellen Craft, too, (in which, if here, I am sure her husband would unite,) sends her best respects to you and all the numerous friends she has left in Boston.

I remain, dear friend, ever yours truly,

FRANCIS BISHOP.

W. M. LLOYD GARRISON.

THE GLASGOW MEETING.

In these dark and evil days, it is a refreshment to the spirit of the American Abolitionist to read such words of cheer and encouragement as have reached us from the commercial metropolis of Scotland. The Chairman of the Friends' meeting of Glasgow addressed the audience with a good prospect of success and usefulness. There is plenty of material scattered over this region, and needs only to be collected and concentrated to set upon the public mind. Disgust with all political twaddling seems to pervade the minds of the mass, and the opinion was almost unanimous, that all that is done well in this cause is done by the application of truth to the conscience of the people.

I have been especially attracted by the speech of Mr. Thompson, in the afternoon, with the usual result, to a delighted audience. At the close of his remarks, a Committee, previously appointed, reported a Constitution for a Society, which is to embrace part of three counties, and is called a 'District Anti-Slavery Society.' This Constitution, after being discussed, was adopted, and the new Society starts with a good prospect of success and usefulness. There is plenty of material scattered over this region, and needs only to be collected and concentrated to set upon the public mind. Disgust with all political twaddling seems to pervade the minds of the mass, and the opinion was almost unanimous, that all that is done well in this cause is done by the application of truth to the conscience of the people.

At the evening session, Mrs. Foster addressed the crowded house for an hour and a half in one of her logical and eloquent speeches. Mr. Thompson spoke again for more than an hour with peculiar power. Speaking of the miserable apologetics made in this country for the crime of slavery, he said—'Let me stand on one side of a screen and hear a man talk a few minutes upon this subject—let me hear him make his lament that this evil exists, and express his hope that some time or other, some how or other, it will be done away, and I will tell you what are his politics and what is the preaching to which he listens. It is all hypocrisy! No man who thinks it an evil, and is honest in his opinion, will oppose its immediate abolition. No man who believes slavery is wrong will sit still or keep silent while it exists! It is all hypocrisy! I have drunk in freedom from my mother's bosom to the present hour, and I can sound with line and plummet the dark depths of the stagnant souls of such wretches! All the talk of its being a sad thing, a blot upon our nation's escutcheon, &c., &c., is false and hypocritical! The slaveholder who has just bound and lashed a woman, mangled the flesh from her neck to her loins, will, when he is done, whine over the evils of slavery! It is a lie! There is no true friend of the slave but the abolitionist—none who really hate slavery but the friends of immediate, unconditional emancipation. You boast of your liberty! yes, ever dare to boast of it abroad, and in the foreign city, at the table d'hôte, the matchwood scoundrels laugh in the face of the American, scoff at your professions, and points triumphantly to the Southern plantation.

We love liberty for yourselves! Indeed! What a virtuous people! Yes, you love it for yourselves and yourselves only. While trumpet-tongued you boast your love of liberty to a wide world, you do it to three millions of men! Give liberty to the slave, and show to God and the world that you rightly estimate it and deserve it yourselves. At your monstrous inconsistency the tyrants of the earth mock and hold you in derision, and hell itself laughs in triumph to see the unspeakable meanness and hypocrisy of your nation.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be sent to our State Legislature and to our National Congress.

Resolved, That the above resolutions be recorded.

Voted, that the Town Clerk furnish attested copies of the above resolutions for Congress, the State Legislature, and the press.

True copy.

Attest,

S. FAY, Town Clerk.

